

# Catholics in the Public Sector (1907)

## Abstract

Many disparities grew out of the confessional divide between Catholics and Protestants. The paucity of Catholics in the higher ranks of the military had much to do with the limitations set by the Protestant establishment in Prussia. Conversely, the high number of Catholics entering into Church service strengthened what many historians have called the “re-confessionalization” of German society. These 1907 statistics suggest that Catholics were more likely to create their own institutions than to cooperate with Protestants in inter-confessional institutions.

## Source

### Military, court, civic, and church service, also the so-called liberal professions

Professions	Overall numbers				%			
	Protestants	Catholics	Israelites	Others	Protestants	Catholics	Israelites	Others
1. Officers, Military doctors, officials of equal rank	27,455	5,478	16	118	83.2 (+21.1)	16.5 (-20.0)	0.04 (-0.88)	0.36 (-0.02)
Non-commissioned officers and common administrative personnel of equal rank	417,813	197,471	2,009	834	67.6 (+5.5)	32.0 (-4.5)	0.34 (-0.58)	0.13 (-0.25)
total	445,268	202,949	2,025	952	68.4 (+6.3)	31.3 (-5.2)	0.31 (-0.61)	0.14 (-0.24)
2. Higher Reich and state officials	8,957	3,264	244	123	71.5 (+9.4)	25.9 (-10.5)	1.94 (+1.02)	0.98 (+0.60)
Judges, Prosecutors	15,020	5,143	906	62	71.2 (+9.1)	24.4 (-12.1)	4.28 (+3.36)	0.29 (-0.09)
Lawyers, Notaries, Patent attorneys	7,352	3,464	1,877	105	57.5 (-4.6)	27.1 (-9.4)	14.6 (+13.6)	0.82 (+0.44)
Higher court officials of every kind	535	194	–	10	72.4 (+10.3)	26.3 (-10.2)	–	1.35 (+0.97)
Higher municipal officials	5,424	1,819	42	19	74.3 (+12.2)	24.9 (-11.6)	0.57 (-0.35)	0.26 (-0.12)
Higher officials of estate [standesherrlich] or seigneurial administration	223	247	4	4	46.7 (-15.4)	51.9 (+15.4)	0.84 (-0.08)	0.84 (+0.4)

<i>Reich and state officials of mid-level rank, including the administration of justice</i>	122,518		44,066	589	406	73.3 (+11.2)	26.3 (-10.2)	0.35 (-0.57)	0.24 (-0.14)
<i>Mid-level court officials</i>	1,235		630	4	3	66.1 (+4.0)	33.7 (-2.8)	0.21 (-0.71)	0.16 (-0.22)
<i>Mid-level municipal officials</i>	60,652		24,859	131	258	70.5 (+8.4)	29.0 (-7.5)	0.15 (-0.77)	0.30 (-0.08)
<i>Mid-level officials of estate and seigneurial administration</i>	1,232		755	2	7	61.7 (-0.4)	37.8 (+1.3)	0.10 (-0.82)	0.35 (-0.03)
<i>Lower Reich and state officials</i>	20,769		7,213	49	80	73.8 (+11.7)	25.6 (-10.9)	0.17 (-0.75)	0.28 (-0.10)
<i>Lower court officials</i>	3,698		1,278	–	13	74.3 (+12.2)	25.6 (-10.9)	–	0.26 (-0.12)
<i>Lower municipal officials</i>	28,493		14,089	55	169	66.4 (+4.3)	32.8 (-3.7)	0.13 (-0.79)	0.39 (+0.01)
<i>Lower estate and seigneurial officials</i>	1,004		706	1	3	58.5 (-3.6)	41.3 (+4.8)	0.05 (-0.87)	0.17 (-0.21)
<i>total</i>	277,112		107,727	3,904	1,262	71.1 (+9.0)	27.4 (-9.1)	1.00 (+0.08)	0.32 (-0.06)
<i>3. Church, church service, missionary work, also personnel in institutions with a religious purpose</i>	a	22,822	22,854	841	845	48.3 (-13.8)	48.5 (+12.0)	1.77 (+0.85)	1.79 (+1.41)
	b	2,880	18,508	49	15	13.4 (-48.7)	86.5 (+50.0)	0.23 (-0.69)	0.07 (-0.31)
	c	4,627	6,133	465	151	40.8 (-21.3)	54.2 (+17.7)	4.11 (+3.19)	1.34 (+0.96)
<i>total</i>	30,329		47,495	1,355	1,011	37.9 (-24.2)	59.3 (+22.8)	1.69 (+0.77)	1.26 (+0.88)
<i>4. Education and teaching, libraries, scientific and artistic collections</i>	a	183,648	89,251	3,235	1,019	66.3 (+4.2)	32.2 (-4.3)	1.17 (+0.25)	0.37 (-0.01)
	b	2,880	1,152	64	31	70.0 (+7.9)	27.9 (-8.6)	1.55 (+0.63)	0.75 (+0.37)
	c	11,163	6,851	46	56	61.6 (-0.5)	37.8 (+1.3)	0.25 (-0.67)	0.31 (-0.07)
<i>total</i>	197,691		97,254	3,345	1,106	66.0 (+3.9)	32.4 (-4.1)	1.12 (+0.20)	0.37 (0.01)
<i>5. Health care and infirmary service</i>	a	49,695	23,489	4,719	647	63.2 (+1.1)	30.0 (-6.5)	6.00 (+5.08)	0.83 (+0.45)
	b	9,328	2,644	84	67	76.8 (+14.7)	21.8 (-14.7)	0.69 (-0.23)	0.55 (+0.17)
	c	48,211	39,859	417	622	54.0 (-8.1)	44.7 (+8.2)	0.47 (-0.45)	0.69 (+0.31)

	d	17,569	10,195	87	84	62.6 (+0.5)	36.5 (-0.0)	0.31 (-0.61)	0.30 (-0.08)
<i>total</i>	124,803		76,187	5,307	1,420	60.2 (-1.9)	36.8 (+0.3)	2.56 (+1.64)	0.68 (+0.30)
<i>6. Private scholars, writers, journalists</i>	5,638		1,905	712	498	64.3 (+2.2)	21.7 (-14.8)	8.14 (+7.22)	5.69 (+5.31)
<i>7. Stenographers, private secretaries, accountants, clerks, etc.</i>	7,371		2,575	296	334	69.8 (+7.7)	24.3 (-12.2)	2.81 (+1.89)	3.16 (+2.78)
<i>8. Music, theater, theatrical performances of every kind</i>	a	58,663	20,276	1,775	701	72.0 (+9.9)	25.2 (-11.3)	2.18 (+1.26)	0.86 (+0.48)
	b	1,690	603	76	22	70.7 (+8.6)	25.2 (-11.3)	3.18 (+2.16)	0.92 (+0.54)
	c	4,796	2,019	53	25	69.6 (+7.5)	29.6 (-6.9)	0.77 (-0.15)	0.36 (-0.02)
<i>total</i>	65,149		22,898	1,904	748	71.8 (+9.7)	25.2 (-11.3)	2.09 (+1.17)	0.82 (+0.44)
<i>On 12 June 1907 there were in %:</i>	62.1		36.5	0.92	0.38				

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